

## C L A I M   A M E N D M E N T S

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough or brackets (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

1.     (Currently amended) A method comprising:
  - initiating, at a gaming device operable to facilitate a wagering game, a game session of indeterminate duration, wherein the game session comprises a plurality of plays of a game and wherein the game session is not defined by either a predetermined number of handle pulls or a predetermined period of time;
  - determining a game variable defining the game session;
  - determining a terminating value associated with the game variable, the terminating value being based on a running count of a number of losing game outcomes during the session;
  - determining a current value of the game variable; and
  - terminating the game session based on the terminating value and the current value.
2.     (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, in which determining the current value comprises:
  - determining the current value based on an outcome of a game of the game session.
3.     (Cancelled)
4.     (Cancelled)
5.     (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently amended) A method comprising:  
determining at least one game parameter that is associated with a game;  
for each at least one game parameter, determining a respective terminating condition that is associated with the game parameter;  
initiating a flat rate play session of the game, at a gaming device operable to facilitate a wagering game;  
determining if at least one terminating ~~conditions~~ condition is satisfied; and  
if at least one terminating ~~conditions~~ condition is satisfied,  
terminating the flat rate play session,  
in which the at least one game parameter corresponds to a predetermined configuration of a plurality of game elements corresponding to a predetermined game outcome at least one of:  
a number of game elements,  
a number of occurrences of a game symbol, and  
~~a plurality of game elements collected by a player.~~
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
determining an outcome of the game.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, in which determining if the terminating condition is satisfied comprises:  
determining if the terminating condition is satisfied based on the outcome.
10. (Original) A method comprising:  
determining at least one game parameter that is associated with a game;  
for each at least one game parameter, determining a respective terminating condition that is associated with the game parameter;  
initiating a flat rate play session of the game;

determining if at least one terminating conditions is satisfied; and  
if at least one terminating conditions is satisfied,  
terminating the flat rate play session,  
in which the at least one game parameter corresponds to at least one of:  
a probability,  
a probability of a player entering a bonus round, and  
a rate of expiration of a predetermined game symbol.

11. (Currently amended) A method comprising:  
receiving a wager for initiating a game session, the game session including a plurality of handle pulls, wherein the game session is not defined by either a predetermined number of handle pulls or a predetermined period of time;  
initiating the game session;  
determining a game parameter that is associated with ~~a first stage of the game session, the game parameter being based on a number of bonus rounds achieved during the game session;~~  
determining a terminating value that is associated with the game parameter;  
~~determining an outcome of the first stage;~~  
determining a current value of the game parameter; and  
ending initiating a second stage of the game session based on the terminating value and the current value.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, in which determining the current value comprises:  
determining the current value based on the outcome.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, in which the game session is a prepaid session.
16. (Cancelled).
17. (Currently amended) A method comprising:  
receiving a wager for initiating a game session that includes a plurality of outcomes;  
initiating the game session at a gaming device operable to facilitate a wagering game;  
generating at least one outcome, in which  
each outcome includes a plurality of instances selected from a set of slot machine symbols, and  
the set of slot machine symbols includes a plurality of predetermined slot machine symbols;  
~~adjusting a running count based on occurrences of the at least one predetermined slot machine symbol in the at least one outcome;~~ and  
terminating the game session based on the running count an occurrence of an outcome that contains a predetermined plurality of instances.
18. (Cancelled).
19. (Currently amended) A method comprising:  
determining a game parameter value that is associated with a video poker game;  
determining a terminating value that is associated with the game parameter value,  
the terminating value corresponding to a predetermined video poker hand;  
receiving a wager for initiating a session of the video poker game, the session including a plurality of hand outcomes, wherein the session is not defined by either a predetermined number of hand outcomes or a predetermined period of time;  
initiating the session;  
determining if the game parameter value is equal to the terminating value; and

if the game parameter value is equal to the terminating value, terminating the session.

20-24. (Cancelled).